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"When it is in the self-interest of certain people to kill certain other people...the killers will simply define their victims as non-persons by pointing out that they do not meet certain criteria." Peter Kreeft

19th Annual National Night of Prayer for Life

9 PM Monday, December 8th - 1 AM Tuesday, December 9th, 2008

Please attend your nearest location.

The hour of National Unity is from 12-1 AM Tuesday, December 9th, EST.

During this hour we will be united in churches across the country in PRAYER TO END ABORTION!

NASSAU COUNTY

St. Agnes Cathedral, Rockville Centre (check bulletin for times)

Our Lady of Lourdes, Malverne, 8:30-9:30 PM

Our Lady of Lourdes, Massapequa Park, 9 PM-1 AM

St. Bernard, Levittown, 9 PM-1 AM

St. Raymond, E. Rockaway, 9 PM-1 AM

Our Lady of Miraculous Medal, Pt. Lookout, 9-10 PM

St. Kilian, Farmingdale, 9 PM-12 midnight

Holy Name of Mary, Valley Stream, 7-10 PM

St. Rose of Lima, Massapequa, 8-10 PM

St. James, Seaford, 8-11 PM

St. Mary, Manhasset, after 7:30 PM Mass-8:30 PM

St. Raphael, E. Meadow, 6:30-10 PM

Curé of Ars, Merrick, 8:30-11:30 PM

St. William the Abbot, Seaford, 9-10 PM

Holy Name of Jesus, Woodbury, 9:30 PM 1 AM

St. Edward the Confessor, Syosset, 9 PM-1 AM

St. Pius X, Plainview, after 12:15 PM

and 8 PM Masses

St. Brigid, Westbury, 8:30-9:30 PM

St. Aloysius, Great Neck (call for times)

SUFFOLK COUNTY

Christ the King, Commack, 9 PM-1 AM

St. Francis of Assisi, Greenlawn, 9 PM-1 AM

St. Isidore, Riverhead, after last Mass-11 PM

St. James, Setauket, 9 PM-1 AM

St. Matthew, Dix Hills, after 7:30 PM Mass-1 AM

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Patchogue, 9 PM-1 AM

St. Martin of Tours, Amityville, 9-10 PM

St. Frances Cabrini, Coram, 8:30-9:30 PM

St. Joseph, Ronkonkoma, 8:30-9:30 PM

OL Queen of Martyrs, Centerport, after 8 PM Mass-10:30PM

Our Lady of Perpet. Help, Lindenhurst, after 7 PM Mass

St. Patrick, Smithtown - call for times

St. Hugh of Lincoln, Hunt. Sta., after 7:30 PM Mass-10 PM

St. Patrick, Huntington, 8:30-10 PM

St. Rosalie, Hampton Bays, 9 PM-1 AM

Sts. Philip and James, St. James, after 7 PM Mass-1 AM

Our Lady of Lourdes, W. Islip, 9 PM-1 AM

St. Joseph, Babylon, 9 PM-1 AM

St. John of God, C. Islip (Eng. & Span.), 9 PM-1 AM

St. Lawrence, Sayville, 9 PM-1 AM

St. Mark, Shoreham, call 631-744-2800 for time

St. Anthony of Padua, Rocky Point, 8:30-9:30 PM

St. Anne, Brentwood, 12:30-5:30 PM

Our Lady of Poland, Southampton, 9 PM-1 AM

Our Lady of Lady of Grace, Babylon, 8:30-9:30

Our Lady of the Assumption, Copiague, 9 PM-1 AM

The National Night of Prayer is a National pro-life prayer service consisting of exposition and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, the Rosary, and prayer to St. Michael, meditation and hymns.

These are the parishes that, at printing time, have registered. If your parish is not listed, please contact them. Queens & Brooklyn - please call parish for time. For further information, contact Bob at 631-696-2995 or Anne at 631-224-1089. You can also visit the website at www.nationalnightofprayerforlife.org.

Dear Defender of Life.

With pro-life John McCain and Sarah Palin in the White House and the New York State Senate still controlled by the Republicans things are looking up for pro-life. Oops, I forgot, it didn't turn out that way. The economy tanked and the wrong people were blamed and our issue got lost in the shuffle. So now we have to deal with a more hostile political climate. And we will. We will work even harder to restore protection for pre-born babies and all the others whose lives are threatened by our increasingly utilitarian society. The pendulum always swings back in the other direction. We just need to keep working to change the direction.

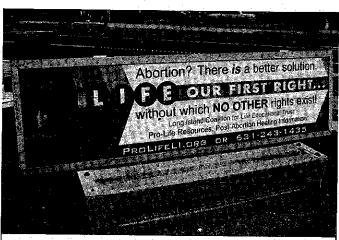
So where do we go from here. Basically we go back to work harder and smarter. A number of national pro-life leaders have reviewed recent events and are saying the same thing. Fr. Frank Pavone exhorts:

"We have started a movement on behalf of the unborn, and that movement enters a new chapter today, a chapter of new determination, of new vigor, of new strategy. Be encouraged! It's fine to be disappointed about the outcome of an election, but we can never walk away from the cause. Together we will work, we will protest, we will defend, we will intervene, we will educate, and we will win this struggle for the lives of our unborn brothers and sisters." (To see Fr. Pavone's post election statements, go to his blog: http://www.priestsforlife.org)

Commenting after the election on the success of the 40 Days for Life campaign, National Campaign Director David Bereit observed: "This fall, a political battle was lost, but hundreds of lives were won. I am convinced that those victories will have far greater impact."

We can educate, we can bear public witness, we can lobby, we can counsel, we can pray. And we will do all of these but only with your help, financially, spiritually and physically. We are a completely volunteer organization and all we accomplish is because of you our faithful contributors, prayer warriors and volunteers.

Our lobbyists will be going back to Albany early in January. Our public witness events will be ongoing (see page 8). Life News will continue to inform thousands of pro-lifers, legislators, educators, students and clergy every month. Our pro-life bus bench signs will keep going up all over the island. We're not stopping. Please help us to continue with a generous year-end donation or by signing up to volunteer.



One of our 12 bus bench signs in Nassau & Suffolk

This post-election prayer from Life Issues Institute sums up our resolve:

I promise to stay strong for the babies. I will pray, work harder and give more of my resources than ever before in the cause for life until we win. And we will win

For His innocents,

Jerome B. Higgins, D.V.M.

P.S. Please use the enclosed postage-paid envelope and the coupon on page 11 to volunteer and/or send your year-end donation as soon as possible. We want to start off the new year running. Thank you.

P.P.S. This Christmas consider giving gift subscriptions to Life News to your pro-life friends and relatives. Or purchase a Life News ad for that hard-to-find-a-gift-for pro-life professional or business person on your gift list. Ad rates and info can be found on page 9 and the page 11 coupon can be used for gift subscriptions.

ELECTION 2008-RESULTS

Regardless of party affiliation and the election results, America is called upon to be the champion of the

innocent and defenseless unborn. Can anyone deny the excruciating horror and painful death that an unborn undergoes? Abortions numbering almost 50 million have already weakened the unity of our proud nation.

NATIONALLY

- President-elect Barack Obama is pro-abortion.
- In California pro-lifers, by a very narrow margin, lose third attempt for Parental Notification.
- Colorado voters soundly defeat a Personhood Amendment affirming that life begins at conception.
- Michigan legalized unrestricted destruction of human embryos for research purposes.
- South Dakota failed for the second time to ban most abortions in the state.
- The State of **Washington** became the second in the nation, after Oregon, to legalize assisted suicide. Good News: In Washington state... "Doctors and hospitals are already speaking up saying they will refuse assisted suicide requests." See Pg. 4 for an update on Oregon's assisted suicide law.

Source: LIFENEWS.COM 11/07/08

FEDERAL

Bad News: In the U.S. Senate, as of 11/6/08, the Democrats have taken five seats from Republicans resulting in a Democratic majority, but fall short of a filibuster-proof margin. The House has been and continues to be under Democratic control.

<u>Good News</u>: five Pro-Life Democrats won their Congressional races.

NEW YORK STATE

Pro-life Senator Caesar Trunzo of Suffolk and Pro-life Senator Serphin Maltese of Queens were defeated as were other Republican senators. This gives the Democrats control of all branches of state government and thereby the ability to control all committees and the legislative agenda.

The remaining eight N/S senate incumbents retained their seats.

On all fronts we will have to work much harder to hold back pro-abortion legislation while promoting our pro-life agenda.



FEDERAL LEGISLATION

The FREEDOM OF CHOICE ACT (FOCA), S1173. It is expected that FOCA will be debated in Congress in January of 2009. FOCA goes beyond the Supreme Court decision legalizing

abortion.

Under FOCA abortion will be established as an "entitlement" which would make abortion on demand a public policy for the United States.

President-Elect Obama has promised Planned Parenthood he would sign FOCA. Senators Schumer and Clinton are sponsors of FOCA.

ACTION: Sample Letter to Senators Schumer and Clinton:

Dear......You are urged to reconsider your support of the Freedom of Choice Act (FOCA), S1173. This bill would eradicate every state and federal law on abortion. Laws restricting Partial Birth Abortion would be prohibited as well as laws requiring only doctors to do abortion. FOCA is not choice but is a major assault on the child in the womb. Please reply. Thank you.

Website petition available: go to

www.fightfoca.com. As of 11/11/08 over 60,000 have signed this Americans United for Life petition opposing FOCA.

Contact information:

U.S. Senate, Wash., D.C. 20510

Local Phone #

D.C. Phone & FAX

Schumer 212-486-4430

202-224-6542/228-3027

Clinton 212-688-6262

202-224-4451/228-0282

To discuss Federal legislation call John Healy 631-598-0430

CHOOSE LIFE!

HEALTH & SCIENCE The Culture of Death Succeeds in Washington State



Washington became the second state in the nation to legalize assisted suicide this past Election Day with the approval of I-1000. In June 2008, the Michigan Law Review published an analysis of Oregon's assisted suicide law titled "Physician-Assisted Suicide in Oregon: A Medical Perspective". The authors of the legal paper were Dr. Herbert Hendin, psychiatrist, and Dr. Kathleen Foley, neurologist. The study highlights cases where the opinion of a patient's long-time attending physician was ignored and a doctor with very little knowledge of the patient and his/ her history wrote out a prescription for a deadly dose of barbiturates. The authors stated that this "doctor shopping" is extremely unethical and in no way could the "shopped doctor's viewpoint be considered a truly professional opinion rendered in the best interest of the patient."

During the election cycle, proponents of the initiative boasted that "everything's going great in Oregon..." Chris Carlson, chair of the Coalition Against Assisted Suicide stated, "The study is replete with examples of unintended consequences to vulnerable, terminally ill patients in Oregon." The Hendin-Foley study reported, "seemingly reasonable safeguards for the care and protection of terminally ill patients written into the Oregon law are being circumvented...[the Oregon authority charged with overseeing assisted suicide] does not collect the information it would need to effectively monitor the law and in its actions and publications acts as the defender of the law rather than as the protector of the welfare of terminally ill patients."

Hendin and Foley further stated, "If the patient has seen no one knowledgeable enough to undertake to understand and relieve the desperation, anxiety and depression that underlie most requests for assisted suicide, then even if the patient is capable, an informed decision is not possible." Drs. Foley and Hendin were also concerned with the lack of referrals to psychiatrists who might find that the patient was not mentally competent. They cited the fact that in most cases a mental evaluation is not conducted.

Chris Carlson reported that last year in Oregon "not one of the some 50 individuals availing themselves of physician-assisted suicide asked for or received any mental health counseling. This has to be

troubling to any thinking person. As the authors noted, the study reflects the lack of concern for the welfare of depressed patients."

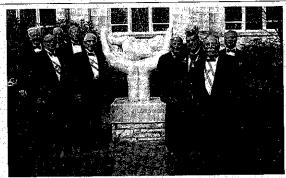
Hendin and Foley concluded their paper by stating, "...under the current monitoring system, Oregon physicians appear to have been given great power without being in a position to exercise it responsibly. They are expected to inform patients that alternatives are possible without being required to be knowledgeable about such alternatives or to consult with someone who is. They are expected to evaluate patient decision-making capacity and judgment without a requirement for psychiatric expertise or consultation. They are expected to make decisions about voluntariness without having to see those close to the patient who may exert a variety of pressures, from subtle to coercive. They are expected to do all of this without necessarily knowing the patient for more than fifteen days. Since physicians cannot be held responsible for wrongful deaths if they have acted in good faith, substandard medical practice is permitted, physicians are protected from the consequences, and patients are left unprotected while believing they have acquired a new right."

Providence Health and Services, the largest medical system in eastern Washington, announced that it will prohibit doctors from killing patients at its medical centers, nursing homes and other facilities. They released a statement declaring, "This position is grounded in our basic values of respect for the sacredness of life, compassionate care of dying and vulnerable persons, and respect for the integrity of medical, nursing and allied health professions. We do not believe health care providers should ever be put in a position of aiding a patient in taking his or her own life."

Wesley J. Smith commented, "Medical professionals must resist turning killing (which means to end life) into a medical treatment. None can be forced (yet) to participate. Such modeling may save lives of people who, thanks to the continued proliferation of non-participating medical professionals, will never ask for assisted suicide. And it will give courage to others to resist the culture of death that this way comes." But he warns, "Anyone who still says 'it can't happen here,' isn't paying attention. It is happening here, and it will happen here increasingly unless there is a greater commitment shown by those with means who oppose these agendas to reversing the current course."

Sources: LifeNews.com 9/3/08, 11/7/08

Regina Carbonaro—516-795-7568—reg5carb@aol.com



The 10-year Re-Dedication of the Knights of Columbus Southampton Council #1967 Pro-Life Monument at Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary Church, Southampton on 10/25/08. Photo by Walter Kedjierski

L.I.C.L. Oratory Contest Sunday, March 29, 2009

For 10th, 11th & 12th year students (inc. home schooled). \$1,350 in prizes.

Application date-1/26/09.

Contact Maryjane McQuade 516-599-5296

MjKev@yerizon.net

Our apologies. *Life News* neglected to credit Jim Ross for providing the research information on the Political Party Platforms printed in our 11/08 issue.

Planning a 1/22/09 Pro-Life Activity?

Are you planning a local activity to protest Roe v Wade? A witness? A special prayer service? Please let us know by 12/1/08 for publication in 1/09 *Life News*.

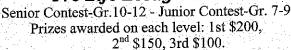
On Sun., 1/18, from 1-2:30 PM LICL will hold a FACE THE TRUTH in front of NUMC, East Meadow.



If you are the bus captain for Thurs. 1/22/09 March for Life, please register your bus with both the March for Life office by calling 202-

543-3377 or FAX to 202-543-8202, and by calling LICL at 631-588-0168.

2009 National Right to Life Pro-Life Essay Contest





Must submit Essay by 1/23. Information and guidelines: michellefischbach@yahoo.com

Wanted: A volunteer, a native speaker of Spanish, familiar with terminology of prenatal development, willing to translate the two page Long Island Coalition for Life brochure "Life Facts" into Spanish. Please call 631-243-1435 or e-mail FortyDFLLI@gmail.com. Thank you.

2008 L.I. COALITION FOR LIFE MEMBERS

Membership in the LICL is open to all groups who believe that innocent human life must be protected from fertilization/conception until natural death. Contact us for a membership materials. We would like to recognize and thank the following organizations for their membership and commitment to the Long Island Coalition for Life:

SUSTAINING MEMBERS

Families for Life, Ronkonkoma

K of C Archbishop Molloy Council, Freeport

K of C Our Lady of Perpetual Help Council, Lindenhurst

Saint James RLC, Setauket

Saints Philip & James RLC, Saint James

Three Village Citizens for Life, East Setauket

CONTRIBUTING MEMBERS

Church of The Intercessor, Malverne

Holy Name of Mary Pro-Life, Valley Stream

Life Center of Long Island, Deer Park

K of C Msgr Wm Delaney Council, Massapequa

K of C Pope John XXIII Assembly, Massapequa

K of C St Marys/Maris Stella Council, Lynbrook

Our Lady of Lourdes HLC, Malverne

Saint Mary's Respect Life Ministry, East Islip

MEMBERS

American Family Association of NY, Port Washington

AOH Division 8, Port Jefferson Station

Christ the King, Commack

E Northport/St Anthony Human Life Comm, E. Northport

Eastern Suffolk Catholics for Life, Shirley

Farmingdale Right to Life, Melville

For the Babies, Levittown

Holy Family RLC, Fresh Meadows

K of C Cmdr John J Shea Assembly, Holbrook

K of C Good Shepherd Council, Holbrook

K of C Joseph Barry Council, Hicksville

K of C Mother Teresa Council, East Setauket

K of C Our Lady O/T Assumption Council, Copiague

K of C St Jude Council, Rocky Point

K of C St Regis Council, Ronkonkoma

K of C St Sylvester Council, Medford

L I Parents for Responsible Education, Smithtown

Maria Regina Human Life Comm, Massapequa

Massapequa Park RLC/OLL Pro-Life, Farmingdale

New York State Nurses for Life, Rockville Centre

Our Lady of Mount Carmel RTLM, East Patchogue

Our Lady of The Snow RLC, Bayport

Our Lady of Victory RTL Society, Floral Park

Peconic Respect Life Association, Riverhead

Respect Life Week of Prayer Comm, Farmingdale

Saint James RLC, Seaford

Saint Joseph RLC, Ronkonkoma

Saint Patrick's Pro-Life Family, Smithtown

Saint Peter of Alcantara RLC, Port Washington

Saint Sylvester RLC, Medford

South Shore Pro-Life, North Baldwin

VIVA, Wading River

DECEMBER 2008 PRO-LIFE CALENDAR

Key: (M) = MONTHLY (W) = WEEKLY

PRO-LIFE WITNESSING SITES Prayer and Witness Save Lives!

Prayer vigil schedules at local abortion provider/referral sites are listed below. To volunteer speak with the contact person listed below before going to a site and never witness alone. PLEASE STAND WITH US. BE A VOICE FOR THE UNBORN!

	TO TO THE OTHER
Contact	Phone (516)
540 Fulton Ave (Rt 24), Hempstead (W) Sa 8 AM-1 PM 741-3405	
" (M) 1st Sa 9:30 -11 AM Prayer Rally "	IMPORTANT:
35 Carmans Rd, Massapequa (W) Sa 10:30 AM-1 PM 541-8056	Peaceful assembly on
444 Community Dr. Manhasset (W) Sa 7-8 AM 546 0290	
64 N. Franklin Ave, Hempstead (W) Sa 9-12 Noon 781-8699	public property near an
	abortion site is a lawful
Good News: The Hicksville site (244A Old Country Road) where pro-life	First Amendment right.

advocates witnessed. counseled and prayed for many years is now closed.

Suffolk CountyLocation	Day/Time	Contact Phone (631)
70 Maple Ave, Smithtown	(W) Wed & Sa 7-11 AM	979-7017
498 Rt 111, Smithtown	(W) Sa 7:30-9:30 AM	751-8217
595 Hampton Rd, Southampton	(W) Fr 11:30 AM	283-6829
240 Meeting House Ln-Southampton Hosp	(W) Fr 11:30 AM	283-6829
42 First Ave, Brentwood	(W) Sa 9:40-10:15 AM	665-3630
200 Motor Parkway, Hauppauge	(M) 1st Sa 10:15 -11:30	AM 588-0168
540 E. Main St, Riverhead	(W) We 2-4 PM	722-3111
755 New York Ave, Huntington	(W) Sa 11 AM-1 PM	796-7685
450 Waverly Ave, Patchogue	(M) 1 st Sa 10:15-11:30 A	/90-7063 M 473-0023
	(111) 1 54 10.15-11.50 A	M 472-0033
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Three Babies Saved at the Smithtown Planned Parenthood Site on one September 2008 Morning:

At 7:10 A.M. a couple entered the building. They asked to see a sonogram. After viewing their child they came out smiling. No abortion. 7:15 A.M. A mother entered, watched a film describing Planned Parenthood's procedures for termination of pregnancy and changed her mind. 8:15 A.M. A young couple stopped on the way in to accept pro-life literature. In the waiting room they read the pamphlet and saw many sad faces. They changed their mind and came out smiling.

Pro-Life Counseling Centers open on Saturday (in addition to their regular M-F schedule):

•10 AM-Noon Life Center 35 Willow St, Massapequa at E end of Sunrise Mall behind White Castle and next to Sizzler, 516-798-9100 and • 10 AM-3 PM Life Center 507 Fulton Ave (Rt 24), Hempstead 516-408-6300 (Bilingual counseling.)

PRO-LIFE VIEWING AND LISTENING - Programs weekly except Rev. Motley's "Open Mike."

LIFE ISSUES -LICL (631-243-1435 www.ProLifeLI.org) All on Ch 20 (Public Access) Tu 9 PM in eastern Suffolk, Th 9-10 PM central & west Suffolk, Tu 5-6 PM Nassau. Send comments & suggestions for programs to LICL. American Family Assn of NY (516-944-3544 www.afany.org) All on Th 8 PM in all areas of Nassau & Suffolk.

· Mark Crutcher's Life Dynamics-'Life Talk' Brooklyn & Queens-Ch 34 (Time Warner) Ch 67 (Cablevision)-sch. pending.

Hauppauge & Brookhaven-Ch 20 Sa 7:30 PM; Riverhead Ch 20 Mn 3:30 PM & Fr 1 PM; Woodbury Ch 20 8:30 PM ·EWTN "Defending Life" Fr. Pavone, www.priestsfor life.org, Sa 2:30 AM & Fr 10 PM, Rosary for Life Sa 3:30 PM

· Gospel of Life-Angel One Ch 101 on Sky Angel IPTV or Angel One Ch 262 Mn 8 AM, We 11:30 PM & Th 8:30 AM.

Catholic Familyland-Su 1 AM, Mn 9 AM, We 3:30 AM & Th 11:30 PM (All ET) www.gospeloflife.com/tv

·EWTN-Radio Fr 1 AM, Sa 6:30 PM & Su 5 AM (ET), www.avemariaradio.net

· Voices of Abortion - call-in, sharing abortion experience Mn-Th 1PM, Sa 12 Noon (all CST) at www.crusaderadio.com · WMCA (570 AM) Life on the Line, Su 12:15 PM www.lifeontheline.com & James McDonald www.walkintheword.com

· American Center for Law and Justice, a watch-dog group, Mn-Fr 12 Noon, WMCA-AM 570, ACLJ.org

Catholic Alternative WHPC (90.3 FM) Su 8 AM, includes pro-life programming.

· Rev. Duane Motley, Open Mike Program, Riverhead, 90.7, 3rd Fr, 8 PM Pre-recorded www/nycf.info/radioprogramindex.asp On Line: National Pro-Life Radio at NPLR.net

PRO-LIFE PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES Needed: Prayer to change minds and hearts to respect human life.

Mn-Sa 12/1-31 Daily ROSARY FOR LIFE following 8 AM Mass, St Rosalie Parish Center, Hampton Bays, 631-594-1381

Mn-Sa 12/1-31 Daily 9:30 AM ROSARY FOR BABIES BORN/UNBORN St Martin of Tours Bethpage, 516-938-1391

(W) 7 PM ROSARY FOR LIFE AND NOVENA MASS St Catherine, Franklin Square Mn 12/1 1/5

(W) After 12:05 Mass HOUR OF ADORATION & PRAYERS FOR LIFE Notre Dame, New Hyde Park Mn 12/1 1/5

Mn 12/1 1/5 (W) 7:30 PM ROSARY FOR LIFE follows Novena, Sacred Heart RCC, Island Park, 516-889-5318

(M) 10 AM-3 PM ADORATION AND BENEDICTION St Rose of Lima, Massapequa (Fr Graham Chapel) Mn 12/1 1/5

(M) 9 AM-12:30 MASS-LIFE ADORATION, ROSARY, BENEDICTION Sacred Heart, Cutchogue Tu 12/2 1/6

(W) After 7 PM Mass ROSARY & NOVENA FOR LIFE, St James Chapel, Seaford, 516-694-2938 Th 12/4 1/1 (W) 7-8 PM ROSARY FOR LIFE Our Lady of Mt Carmel RCC, Patchogue (9 AM-Midnight-Adoration) Th 12/4 1/1 (W) 9:30-10:30 AM EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT FOR LIFE, St Joseph, Kings Park Fr 12/5 1/2 (M) 9 AM MASS, ROSARY & VIGIL FOR LIFE & PEACE and 4 PM Benediction, St Mark, Shoreham Fr 12/5 1/2 (M) 7:30-8:30 PM PRO-LIFE HOLY HOUR Our Lady of Victory RCC, Floral Park Fr 12/5 1/2 (M) 3-7 AM PRO-LIFE VIGIL, St Aloysius RCC, Great Neck; Fr 12/12, 7 PM Way of the Cross for Unborn Fr 12/5 1/2 (M) 8 PM-9 PM PRAYER HOUR FOR LIFE Our Lady of Lourdes, Malverne Fr 12/5 1/2 (W) 1:00 PM ROSARY FOR LIFE St John Nepomucene Church, Bohemia, 631-589-0540 Fr 12/5 1/2 (M) 7 PM HOLY HOUR FOR LIFE & 8 PM MASS FOR LIFE at Holy Name of Jesus RCC, Woodbury Fr 12/5 1/2 (M) 9 PM-3 AM ALL NIGHT LIFE VIGIL Miraculous Medal Church, Point Lookout, 516-593-8849 Fr 12/5 1/2 (M) 7:30-8:30 PM HOLY HOUR FOR LIFE, The Resurrection RCC, 50 Granny Rd, Farmingville Fr 12/5 1/2 (M) 2-3PM DEANERY VI PRO-LIFE HOLY HOUR, St. Joachim, 614 Central Av. Cedarhurst. 516-887-2458 Su 12/7 (W) 8-9 PM HOUR OF REPARATION TO STOP ABORTION Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Lindenhurst Su 12/7 1/4 (M) 8-9 PM CULTURE FOR LIFE HOLY HOUR Molloy College, Sacred Heart Chapel, 516-678-5000 x6304 Mn 12/8 1/12 (M) 9 AM ROSARY FOR MOTHERS & THE UNBORN Sts Peter & Paul RCC, Manorville, 631-874-2483 Fr 12/12 1/9 (M) 11:15 AM ROSARY FOR LIFE Chapel of Our Lady of the Snow Church, 258th & 80 Ave, N Floral Park Su 12/14 1/11 Mn 12/15 1/19 (M) 7:30 PM ROSARY, DIVINE MERCY, LITANY FOR LIFE, Christ the King, Commack, 631-486-2658 Tu 12/16 1/20 (M) 7:30-8:30 PM ADORATION, ROSARY, PRO-LIFE PRAYER St Patrick Church, Smithtown (M) 1:15 PM ROSARY FOR LIFE Maria Regina Chapel, Seaford, 516-541-9408 Th 12/18 1/15 Fr 12/19 1/16 (M) 9 PM-5:30 AM ALL NIGHT LIFE VIGIL Our Lady of Lourdes Chapel, Massapequa Park, 631-224-1089 Fr 12/26 1/23 (M) 8-9 PM PRO-LIFE HOLY HOUR Our Lady of Lourdes RCC, Massapequa Park, 516-541-3270

SPECIAL EVENTS IN DECEMBER

Mn-Tu 12/8-9 NATIONAL NIGHT OF PRAYER FOR LIFE. See Page 1 for schedule.

Mo 12/22 7:30 PM LICL GENERAL MEETING at Joseph Barry Council, K of C, Hicksville. Elections. 631-243-1435.

LOOKING AHEAD to 2009

Sa 1/10&Sa 3/7 POST-ABORTION DAYS OF PRAYER & HEALING FOR WOMEN, Bronx. Sisters of Life 866-575-0075 e-mail: postabortion@sistersoflife.org

Su 1/18 1-2:30 PM FACE THE TRUTH at Nassau University Medical Center, East Meadow. Call 631-243-1435.

We & Th 1/21 & 22 MARCH FOR LIFE CONVENTION, MARCH & ROSE DINNER 202-543-3377, etc. See Pg.7 bottom.

Fr-Su 2/20-2/22 RACHEL'S VINEYARD POST-ABORTION RETREATS FOR MEN AND WOMEN seeking healing after an abortion experience. English & Spanish language. Brentwood. Call Frank Gariboldi 516-523-0586 www.lifecenterli.org.

"NEW RULES" FOR SUBMISSION OF PRO-LIFE EVENTS TO BE CONSIDERED FOR

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Birthright of Nassau/Suffolk seeks to open a Birthright Counseling Office in the New Hyde Park area. Requirements: Low rent and near public transportation. Call Alice Antonette, Director, at 516-785-4070.

After Christmas Gift Ideas for Family Members:

Bring teens/send college students to these Washington, D.C. pro-life events:

Tu 1/20 Cardinal O'Connor Conference on Life 2009 at Georgetown U. cardinaloconnorconferenceonlife; the We. & Th. 1/21 & 1/22 March for Life Convention www.marchforlife.org; the We. 1/21 Vigil for Life at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception www.usccb.org/prolife; the Th 1/22 8:45 AM Rally & 10 AM Youth Mass at Verizon Center www.adw.org; the Th 1/22 MARCH FOR LIFE www.marchforlife.org; and/or, the Sa 1/24 Students for Life of America National Conference, at Catholic U. www.studentsforlife.org/index.php/conferences. Additional information on these and other March related activities will appear in the 1/09 issue of Life News.

Into the Light... Being a Visible Sign for Life - 2008

Welcome to the close of another year of pro-life victories on Long Island. Well, ok, it doesn't seem so victorious - what with Washington and Albany politics. But pro-lifers count their victories in more ways than political wins and losses.

We are fighting for the very lives of preborn children about to be ripped from their mother's womb. And while we certainly would rejoice to have many more legislators stand with us in our battle, we have always recognized that the battle against abortion is one of winning the hearts and minds of individuals. Once those individuals understand the consequences of their "choice" and choose life, it won't matter so much what the law is because abortuaries will close for lack of business.

Abortion centers shutting down for lack of business? Seems more than a pipe dream. But you brought that dream closer to reality when you participated throughout 2008 at events sponsored by the Long Island Coalition for Life. The one thing the abortion advocates do NOT want is to see pro-lifers spreading their message IN PUBLIC.

You have **SUCCESSFULLY STOOD** against Long Island's abortion holocaust in 2008:

- + At the annual Stand Up For Life in October;
- + Day after day during the 40 Days for Life campaign at the Hempstead Planned Parenthood;
- + At Planned Parenthood events in Centerport, Bethpage, Woodbury, and Syosset;
- + Helping with more than 20 street fairs where thousands of people saw our message;
- + At our eye-opening Face the Truth events in the winter, spring, and summer;
- + Standing regularly at the killing centers across the island from Southampton to Glen Cove where we have been told several times this year that **our presence directly changed a mother's mind** and two of those mothers returned to show us their beautiful children!



Photo courtesy of Rosemary Dotzler
40 Days for Life 11/2/08 Closing Rally

Besides the public outreach, the LI Coalition for Life sponsored an oratory contest, held lobby trips to Albany, published 12 issues of *Life News*, and gave presentations to youth and adult groups. The LICL Educational Trust started an ad campaign with ads on bus stop benches.

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40 Days for Life 11/1/08 Prayer Service led by Church of Intercessor, Malverne

We have done all of this through your participation, your prayers, and your donations. And also through the hard work and sacrificial time of many volunteers. The LICL is an <u>all-volunteer organization</u>, including its board and committee chairs. The LICL does not have an office (keeps the overhead low) so officers and volunteers work from their homes. When you donate to the LICL your funds are maximized toward our programs.

To help with our public outreach, here's a short donation wish list (pre-owned is ok):

- ** A basic laptop, with extended battery, that can be used to show CDs/DVDs at street fairs
- ** Portable battery-operated microphone for outdoor vigils

The LI Coalition for Life is **leading the battle locally** to defend the unborn who cannot speak for themselves and for the severely disabled, elderly, and terminally ill who are being cast aside as useless. **Do not underestimate all you have accomplished by your actions in 2008!** Please make time for the least of your brethren when you schedule your 2009 calendar.

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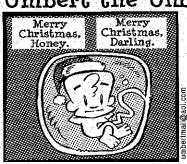
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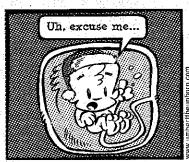
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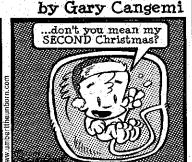
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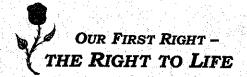
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Day of Silent Solidarity. Some students at St. Anthony's High School in South Huntington also participated. They attended Mass after school then loaded mini-buses with Fr. Gordon and teacher, Miss Laura Giannuzzi and went to Planned Parenthood on New York Avenue in Huntington to stand with signs in protest of abortion while praying the rosary together. We congratulate the students for standing up for their beliefs and we thank Fr. Gordon and Miss Giannuzzi for their leadership.

A Prayer Affirming Life

God, you are the Lord and Creator of life,
You have blessed men and women
with the privilege
of bringing new life
into the world.

You have imparted in our hearts the desire to nurture and protect life at all its stages.

I accept these gifts as a sacred trust.
Through the power of the Holy Spirit
help me to affirm the value of life.
Grant me the wisdom of courage
to speak out and defend human life.

Give me compassion

so that I may lovingly course!

so that I may lovingly counsel those who would reject the gift of life, which is the reflection of your image and likeness. Amen

Women Affirming Life

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